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1. TAPED DEBRIEFING OF TANKER CREW NOW COMPLETE. PILOT DEBRIEFING HELD SHORTLY AFTER HE WAS RETURNED TO BY BASE HELICOPTER AND SQUADRON DOCTOR. HQS, AND LAC PERSONNEL PARTICIPATED IN ^{ALL} DEBRIEFING. EYEWITNESS REPORTS FROM TANKER CREW VERIFY PREVIOUS FINDINGS. FROM ALL REPORTS PULL UP AND BANK AFTER WHAT WAS DESCRIBED AS AN EXCEPTIONALLY FINE REFUELING WERE NORMAL FOR U-2. PILOT WAS ON ^P 20 DEGREE CLIMB AND 20 DEGREES OF BANK AT MOMENT OF DISINTEGRATION (WORD DISINTEGRATION IS TANKER CREW'S TERMINOLOGY). ACCORDING TO CREW ARTICLE DISINTEGRATED INTO ~~THREE~~ THREE LARGE PIECES (ENGINE, WINGS AND FUSELAGE) AND NUMEROUS SMALLER PEÇES. ALL LIFE SUPPORT EQUIPMENT FUNCTIONED NORMALLY. PILOT REPORTED MINOR OSCILLATION INSIDE THE COCKPIT BUT ENCOUNTERED NO DIFFICULTY IN ACTIVATING ANY OF THE EJECTION MECHANISM.

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2. ENGINE SECTIONS ONLY PARTS THUS FAR LOCATED. SEARCH HAMPERED BY BAD WEATHER. GROUND SEARCH CONTINUING. ENGINE

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SECTIONS FOUND NINE MILES EAST SOUTHEAST OF TOWN OF LARAIN, WHICH
IS APPROX 30 MILES EAST OF BAKERSFIELD, CALIF.
AREA IS SPARSELY INHABITED AND HAVE HAD NO REPORTS OF AIRCRAFT

PARTS BEING FOUND OR OF ANYING HAVING OBSERVED THE INCIDENT
EXCEPT A FOREST RANGER WHO HAPPENED TO BE IN THE AREA AND
REPORTED HE SAW THE ENGINE HIT THE GROUND.

3. HOSPITALIZATION WAS NOT NECESSARY FOR PILOT. APPEARS
NO FRACTURES AND OTHER THAN NORMAL ACHES PILOT IN GOOD
CONDITION.

4. BASE SUPPORT IN ALL RESPECTS HAS BEEN EXCELLENT.

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